



# NEWS ADVISORY

## County of Los Angeles

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### NOV. 12 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS---AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

9:30 A.M.

**(Note: This meeting is being held on Wednesday due to the Tuesday holiday.)**

#### **Presentations:**

Veteran newscaster George Nicholaw, a longtime general manager of KNX News radio, is recognized for a broadcasting career that spans more than 50 years.

#### **Public Hearings:**

Consideration given to requests from District Attorney and Sheriff to spend \$3.5 million appropriation from state for local law enforcement services (COPS). (Item 55, continued from 10-28 and 11-4)

#### **Agenda Items:**

Report given by County Counsel and Health Services on County's authority to inspect and regulate health, safety and maintenance of restrooms and cafeterias at public schools within County's jurisdiction. (Item S-1)

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich requests a hate crimes investigation of Oct. 29 and 30 incidents of vandalism at 12 churches and three residences in the Lancaster area, and establishment of \$10,000 reward for information on person(s) responsible. (Item 3)

Staff asked to investigate feasibility and legal implications of adopting ordinance authorizing seizure and forfeiture of vehicles used in illegal dumping activities. (Item 4)

Board asked to accept \$496,750 federal grant to reduce crime at targeted housing sites by using security technology. (Item 6)

Policy proposed regarding County interaction with federally-recognized Indian tribes. (Item 7)

Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke seeks development and implementation of a pilot program to teach basic Spanish to County employees in downtown Los Angeles area to help them better serve the public. (Item 8)

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, concerned about non-compliance by County contractor hired to deliver a privacy software system to the Department of Mental Health, requests corrective action plan be submitted. (Item 13)

Supervisor Don Knabe calls for a feasibility study on a joint partnership between corporate and

local businesses to clean up County waterways. (Item 14)

Authorization sought to accept \$15.1 million in Homeland Security funds to assist in preparing, preventing and responding to terrorism. (Item 16)

Supervisors asked to approve long-term lease for development of two parcels in Marina del Rey. (Item 18)

Approval asked to seek waiver of federal rules to allow spending of foster care money to keep more children in their homes, reduce abuse and neglect, and expedite permanent placement when reunification is not possible. (Item 20)

Fire Department proposes buying a \$14.5 million Sikorsky Firehawk helicopter. (Item 22, continued from 11-4)

Probation asks Board to authorize \$584,000 in contracts for literacy and tutorial services to at-risk youth in four targeted areas of the County. (Item 29, continued from 10-21 and 11-4)

Consideration given to approving \$547,054 agreement for gang intervention services to youth in the Santa Clarita/San Fernando Valley and the San Gabriel Valley. (Item 30)

Board asked to prohibit parking of heavy commercial vehicles at certain locations and times in Altadena, Avocado Heights, Hacienda Heights, San Pasqual, South San Jose Hills, Walnut Park, West Puente Valley and unincorporated areas of Calabasas, Industry and Whittier. (Item 41)

Sheriff's Department seeks approval of maximum \$248,375 grant application, with no local match required, for automated systems that will assist the department in investigating, responding and preventing crime. (Item 46)

**Litigation To Be Discussed in Closed Session:**

Closure of Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center and High Desert Hospital.  
Status of work action by sheriff deputies.

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